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THE  
GREAT MYSTERY  
EXPLAINED,  
OR THE  
INDIANS OF AMERICA  
PROVEN TO BE THE  
TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

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## NOTE.

Gentle Reader : you need not expect that I am going to weary your patience or my own, by giving you a lengthy preface, or formal apology; and as for introduction, I will hereby introduce you to the body of the work, and let you read for yourself. But before you commence, I have one word of friendly admonition to give you; and that is this: please to do yourself the favor, and your humble servant the justice, to read this book through carefully—examine every subject thoroughly,—scrutinize every position rigidly,—measure every sentence critically,—weigh every argument fairly,—decide every point impartially,—and act upon the whole matter honestly; and then think as you please.

The author claims the originality of the whole work of this little book.

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# THE GREAT MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

## II. ESDRAS, Chap. XIII.

VER. 39. And, whereas, thou sawest that he gathered another peaceable multitude unto him;

40. They are the ten tribes which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea, the king, whom Salmanasar, the King of Assyria, led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so they came into another land.

41. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt.

42. That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land.

43. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river.

44. For the most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over.

45. For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half; and the same region is called Arsareth.

46. Then dwelt they there until the latter time; and now, when they shall begin to come.

47. The Highest shall stay the springs of the stream again, that they may go through: therefore sawest thou the multitude with peace.

48. But those that be left behind of thy people are they that are found within my borders.

49. Now, when he destroyeth the multitude of the nations that are gathered together, he shall defend his people that remain.

50. And then shall he shew them great wonders.

### REMARKS.

1st, The ten tribes of Israel were to go to a land that never was known; and at that time there was no country which was not known excepting the continent of America, where, undoubtedly, at that time, no mankind had dwelt. According to the Bible, the Israelites did not keep their laws and statutes in their own land.

2d, There entering into the Euphrates by the narrow passage of the river, that is, they entered with their ships into

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Euphrates by the small river Chebar, for God had given them a leader, and gave signs unto them as he had done to the Israelites when Moses brought them out of Egypt; and God also kept the sea from getting rough, and also he kept them from starving, the same as he did under Moses when he brought them out of Egypt.

3d, This vision saith that they shall stay till the latter times, and then they shall return back to their own country again, in the same manner that they had come here. In the above mentioned year and a half, the ten tribes of Israel crossed over to the north-west part of the continent of America, and then they went on southward and settled down upon all the islands of the sea, and also upon the whole continent of North and South America, as far as the South Pole in Central America. They lived in great cities, and also in Mexico, for when they first came over they were altogether civilized, and they had great temples and high priests, the same as the Israelites had in times of old

4th, The mounds that are found all over the continent of America, they were the high places on which they offered sacrifices unto the Great Spirit; but that they offered human sacrifices, as tradition saith, this I very much doubt, being, as I believe, that known of the red men of the north and of the east ever offered any such sacrifices.

5th, The way that the ten tribes of Israel have been scattered all over this whole continent, it was through their continental wars which they kept up amongst themselves, and thus they become scattered all over the whole continent; and then they became uncivilized, but they still kept up wars among themselves, one tribe fighting against the other, until they became a most wretched people above all other people upon the face of the earth; as it was prophesied by Moses that the curse should follow them, wherever they were scattered, throughout the world, if they did not keep the laws and statutes which God gave them by Moses.

6th, The eastern red men have a tradition which saith, that all the eastern red men first came from the far west, and then they scattered all over the whole south-east, and over the whole east, and also over the whole north-east countries. The red men of America, they have the same national pride that the old Israelites had; they are terrible in war; they begin the battle with a shout; and the old Israelites began the battle with blowing the trumpet and with a shout.

7th, The red men take a delight in torturing their prisoners whom they conquer in war, the old Israelites did the same, "For King David was a righteous man," but in the (xi. chap.



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of II. *Samuel*, ver. 31) we read thus, "And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick kilns, and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Amon, so David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem and (*Judas Maccabees*) caught the ungodly Jews, and burned them all." This is but a little of the proof we could give from the Bible of the cruel conduct of the old Israelites against their conquered enemy.

8th, The red men of America are the most truly righteous people which are upon the earth at this time, their children honor their parents, they do not lie, they do not swear, they do not steal; there is no fornication amongst them, they are permitted to divorce their wives, but they generally live with them through life. In that case, they are not like the old Pharisees, who made a practice of divorcing their wives. The red men do keep the Ten Commandments in every respect as they were delivered unto Moses from God, they do not covet, they do not lie, they do not swear, nor steal, nor use the name of God in vain.

9th, It is said that all men who ever have undertaken to shew from what parts of the world the red men of America came from, have contradicted themselves before they got through with their work. But if my work is contradicted, it will not be until some one proves that the red men of America are not the ten tribes of Israel, and also until he proves where the ten tribes of Israel are at this time, and also who these red men are, and where they came from. No man can deny that the red men are not going towards the west again, from where I have said they first came, when they settled all the eastern countries.

10th, I suppose that the ten tribes of Israel left Asia about the time of the fall of the Persian empire, when Alexander the Great conquered the last Persian king, Darius, then the ten tribes got free, as Alexander was too far off to have any jurisdiction over them, and thus they took counsel to leave the multitude of the heathen and go to a land which was never known, so I suppose they have been here in America, at the lowest calculation, two thousand three hundred years.

11th, I will now endeavor to prove from the Bible, that the Israelites were doomed to be scattered over the whole world, and to remain there until the latter times, and then they shall return back to the land from whence they came, and if I fail in proving this, then my work is lost, and I will confess my error, but not before that time; but now I will

follow the Israelites no farther back than into their own country, and then quit them there, for I believe, from that time forward to be a mystery as yet.

**GENESIS, Chap. IX.**

VER. 27. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant.

**REMARKS.**

1st, The children of Japheth, they are the Europeans; and the children of Shem, they are the Israelites; and the children of Ham and Canaan, they are the Africans; and the ten tribes of Israel came over and settled down in America, and after that, the Europeans came over and forced the red men to leave their tents or wigwams, and they now dwell in the places where they stood, and thus Japheth is enlarged, and he doth dwell in the tents of Shem. and the Africans are his servants, this is the prediction of Noah fulfilled to all intents and purposes.

**LEVITICUS, Chap. XXVI.**

VER. 32. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

34. Then shall the land enjoy her Sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her Sabbaths.

35. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your Sabbaths when ye dwelt upon it.

36. And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth; and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38. And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39. And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies land; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

44. And yet, for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I *am* the Lord their God.

## REMARKS.

The Lord will scatter them among the heathen, and draw out a sword after them, and their land shall be desolate, and upon them that are left alive he will send a faintness, and a shaken leaf shall chase them. This was fulfilled in the Mexicans, when Fernando Cortez invaded Mexico, for they had a tradition among themselves, that one day a people would come from the east, who would conquer them, and therefore they could not fight, and Cortez, with a handful of men, conquered the vast Mexican empire, and treated the emperor in the most cruel and infamous manner that cruelty could invent. Again, the Lord saith, that they that are left shall pine away in their iniquity, and also in the iniquities of their fathers. This is being fulfilled at this time in America, for the red men are wasting and pining away at an almost astonishing rate, they are getting smaller in numbers every year. Again, the Lord saith, that he will not destroy them utterly, neither will he break his covenant; this covenant was, that the seed of Abraham should possess the Land of Canaan forever, and this covenant will not be broken, for they will return to that country towards the end of time, and there I will leave them, and follow them no farther, after I have got them home into their own country.

## DEUTERONOMY, Chap. XXXI.

VER. —. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as witness: for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed; for I know their imagination which they go about even now before I have brought them into the land which I swear.

## JOSEPHUS, Book IV., Chap. VIII., Second Column, Page 90.

Since, when you shall have proceeded so far by your wealth, as to contempt and disregard of virtue, you will also forfeit the favor of God; and when you have made him your enemy, you will be beaten in war; and will have the land which you possess taken away again from you by your enemies, and this with great reproaches upon your conduct. You will be scattered over the whole world, and will, as slaves, entirely fill both sea and land; and when once you have had the experience of what I now say, you will repent, and remember the laws you have broken, when it is too late.

## REMARKS.

This language of Josephus, that we have before us, is the interpretation or paraphrasing of the song of Moses. Whether Josephus had the same copy that the translators of our



Bible translated from, I believe cannot now be known. According to Josephus, on the song of Moses, the Israelites were to fill, as slaves, both land and sea, and he saith they will remember the laws they have broken. The red men of America do now, at this time, keep the Ten Commandments, and they keep all the laws as they were given unto them by Moses, excepting the ceremonial laws. If, as Josephus saith, the Israelites were to be scattered into all the whole world, then, of course, they must have come into America, for this is a large part of the whole world; and the islands were found full of the red men also, and, of course, they are of the same race: and thus was fulfilled the prediction in the song of Moses, as paraphrased by Josephus.

**ISAIAH, Chap. XI.**

VER. 11. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the Islands of the Sea.

12. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

REMARKS.

This gathering of the children of Israel from the four corners of the earth, is the same as the following text in Matthew, Mark and Luke:

**MATTHEW, Chap. XXIV.**

VER. 31. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of the trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**MARK, Chap. XIII.**

VER. 27. And then shall he send his angels, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost parts of the earth to the uttermost parts of heaven.

**LUKE, Chap. XXI.**

VER. 28. And when those things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.

REMARKS.

The whole of those four texts, which we have here, they are one and the same thing; they all allude to the gathering together of the Israelites, that remain in the latter times, and bringing them into their own land again.

**JEREMIAH, Chap. XXX.**

VER. 8. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

10. Therefore, fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord, neither be dismayed, O Israel: for lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

11. For I *am* with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

**REMARKS.**

God saith that he will break the yoke of the heathen from the neck of his people, and they shall not serve themselves of them any more. Again, the Lord saith he will save them from afar, and Jacob shall return, and be in rest: for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee, though I make a full end of all nations, and they shall return into their own land, and the Gentiles shall all be destroyed about the time of the returning of the Israelites.

**EZEKIEL, Chap. XXXVI.**

VER. 24. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land,

28. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

30. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

**REMARKS.**

This text saith that God will gather the remaining Israelites out of all countries, and will bring them into their own land, and they shall dwell in the land that he gave unto their fathers, and they shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. This reproach of famine is being fulfilled among the red men of America at this time, for they are forced from their homes, and drove out into the wilderness, where they are suffering hunger and nakedness, and thousands of them perish for want of food.

**EZEKIEL, Chap. XXXVII.**

VER. 11. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold they say our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

21. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and gather them on every side and bring them into their own land.

25. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt, and they shall dwell therein, even they and their children, and their childrens' children, forever.

#### REMARKS.

The dry bones in this text are the whole house of Israel, who are scattered over the whole world, and who shall be gathered together again, and be brought into their own country again in the latter times, and there they shall remain forever. Some men say that the dry bones in this vision are the whole human race coming to life again, and rising from their graves; but this looks very unreasonable, that the whole human race should rise from their graves and go to the land of Palestine, and there forever remain. But some men have their knowledge all upon one side; therefore they think that everything which hath the name of resurrection must certainly signify the rising of the whole human race from their graves, and nothing more nor less.

#### AMOS, Chap. IX.

VER. 15. And will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

#### REMARKS.

This text also saith that God will plant the children of Israel upon their own land, and that they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which he hath given them.

#### MATTHEW, Chap. XXIV.

VER. 29. Immediately after the tribulation of those days, shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the power of the heavens shall be shaken.

30. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

#### REMARKS.

The appearing of the sign of the Son of man, and the



mourning of the tribes of the earth, this will come to pass when the Son of God will send down his great judgment to destroy the great army of Gog and Magog, which army includes all the unregenerated Gentiles; and then he will send divine leaders to gather together all the Israelites, who remain at that time, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**MARK, Chap. XIII.**

VER. 24. But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.

25. And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost parts of the earth to the uttermost parts of heaven.

**REMARKS.**

This text is the same as the text in Matthew, although it differs a little in the way that it is stated.

**LUKE, Chap. XXI.**

VER. 24. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled,

25. And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity the sea and the waves roaring;

26. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.

28. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh.

**REMARKS.**

This text is the same as the parallel text in Matthew and Mark. The remaining Israelites are commanded to look up, and lift up their heads, for their redemption is drawing nigh. Some men say that this consolation was spoken to the dead bodies who were in their graves, that they should look up, and lift up their heads, for their redemption was drawing nigh. But this would be impossible, for a dead man to lift up his head and to look up and see his redemption coming.

## ROMANS, Chap. XI.

- VER. 25. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, (least ye should be wise in your own conceits,) that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
26. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Sion, the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

## REMARKS.

In this text the apostle Paul explaineth this mystery unto the brethren, when he saith that blindness in part is happened to the Israelites, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. The way that all Israel will be saved will be this:—After the destruction of the unregenerated Gentiles, which is the army of Gog and Magog, then all the remaining Israelites will be gathered together, and will go into their own land, and then they will be a righteous people; and then I will leave them, and also for some other man to explain this mystery farther.

## JOSEPHUS, Book —, Chap. V, Page 225.

And when these Jews had understood what piety the King had towards God, and what kindness he had for Esdras, they were all greatly pleased; nay, many of them took their effects with them, and came to Babylon as very desirous of going down to Jerusalem, but then the entire body of the people of Israel remained in that country, wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude and not to be estimated by numbers.

## REMARKS.

This language of Josephus wants no explaining, for he saith that the ten tribes were not subject to the Romans, and as the Romans had dominion over Asia and Europe, Josephus must have known that the ten tribes were not then in Asia and Europe, and it is well known that they were not in Africa, so they must have been in America at that time, and of course a long time before, being as they were so very numerous as not to be numbered. Josephus saith they were beyond Euphrates, but he doth not say how far beyond; but it appears to me that Josephus knew that they were not in Asia, when he saith there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans.





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